

*Delegation Led by Majority Leader Traveled to Region to Bring Attention and Action to Crisis in Darfur*

**Washington - Communications Director to House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Stacey Bernards, issued the following statement today regarding a misleading wire report that Mr. Hoyer met with a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt:**

“Mr. Hoyer led a bipartisan delegation to Sudan and Egypt this past week to bring attention to the humanitarian crisis in Darfur and to ask the Egyptian government to take a leading role in helping the people of Darfur. The delegation included 11 members of Congress, including Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the Ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

“On Thursday, the U.S. Embassy in Egypt asked the delegation to participate in a meeting that day that the embassy had arranged with the Speaker of the Egyptian Parliament. The delegation expected to meet one-on-one with the Speaker, however, the Speaker had invited about a dozen members of the Parliament, including Mohammad Saad al-Katatni. The delegation discussed various issues with the members of Parliament, but the focus was the crisis in Darfur.

“The delegation was also invited by the Ambassador to his home to a reception with about 200 people, including Members of Parliament, members of various political parties and civil society groups, such as the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt. Mr. Hoyer spoke briefly with Mohammad Saad al-Katatni at the reception, as he did with the other guests in attendance.

“However, the bipartisan delegation, including Mr. Hoyer, did not have personal meetings with Mohammad Saad al-Katatni.”

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